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Court Proceedings.

Prompt Acquittal in the Case of Policeman A. Jeff Greg-Thomas Catoe in the Town of Kershaw--Synopsis of Springs Burglary Case.

When The News went to press last Tuesday evening the court was engaged in the trial of Chas. McFadden, a negro charged with arson-the burning of Dr. Nisbet's barn in the Van Wyck sec tion. The result was a mistrial Wednesday.

The case of Mr. A. Jeff throughout the hearing.

The jurors were as follows: J. M. Nisbet, foreman, J. T. Barton, W. D. Cauthen, J. W. McMurray, Jas. R. Horton, J. H. Neely, R. F. Hilton, T. J. Dabney, R. H. McClintock, Charlie Parks.

TESTIMONY.

The following is a synopsis of the testimony:

Dr. J. E. W. Haile: Was called to see W. T. Catoe on inside of door and Watson sitnight of 8th August 1905 in ting down by his side. Told guardhouse in town of Kershaw. Found Catoe suffering with asked Catoe it he was shot. Cathree wounds in scalp on top of toe said yes he was shot twice. head. Wounds slight. Deceased seemed considerably intoxicated. Later saw him at his home and found him shot in abdomen and extracted bullet. Abdominal wound death.

operation performed by him to shot in breast. I again tried to relieve deceased and described find where wound was and location of wound in abdomen. Intestines perforated in eleven places. Would almost inecessarily fatal.

J. T. Davis: Was with Catoe on night of Aug 8th. Met him in store. first time at Carson's store while witness and Bud Watson were coming up street together. Deceased joined them and they went to his store to get a mandolin. Catoe proposed a snipe hunt and they took some ne groes, three, along. Catoe got sack and gun and said he would them in bag. Party went 70 or head. 80 yards beyond Carson's store came up. They returned to Catee's store. Carson's store to get out of rain under piazza, a al had some mu witness saw Mr. Gregory pass by and go up street. Witness,

Catoe and Watson then went back to Catoe's store and Catoe took gun in store. Didn't have it when he came out. Don't know what he did with it. ory, Charged With the There was no gun outside the Killing of Ex-Policeman door. Door was double door. Catoe opened the upper side of door next to Floyd's store. There was no light in store. the Testimony--The Heath Witness and Watson stopped on outside of door, witness on upper side and Watson on lower side. Catoe came out and pulled door too. Mr. Gregory came up sidewalk. Catoe says "Hurrah for Kershaw." Mr. Gregory was up about even with witness. Witness was on upper side. Gregory stepped back a little piece and shot Mr. Catoe, shot twice. On cross ex-Gregory, charged with the amination witness said first shot killing of Mr. Thomas Catoe in struck Catoe. Knows it bethe town of Kershaw, was taken cause Catoe fell between 1st and up Wednesday afternoon and was 2nd shots. Mr. Blakeney rignot concluded until Thursday idly examined witness as to ponight, when a verdict of not sition of parties and his ability guilty was rendered by the jury. to see Gregory and Catoe at one The defendant was represented and same time, the witness by Mr. E. D. Blakeney, of Ker. seemed to get a little confused. shaw, and Solicitor Henry was Witness went off immediately assisted in the prosecution by after helping Catoe into store Messrs. Green & Hines. The to look for help and when he case attracted unusual interest, returned found Catoe in Guardthe court room being crowded house. Saw wounds on head when he saw him in guard house, but didn't know where body wound was. Catoe had no wounds on head when he left him at store. Witness had taken but one drink with de-Massey, Frank Robinson, J. H. ceased, and that was before witness went to supper. Catoe was sober.

H. H. Truesdale: Went to Catoe's store after shooting. Found Catoe lying across the Watson to go for doctor and Asked him where he was shot. Catos said: I am shot in the breast. I open shirt bosom and couldn't see any wound and thought he was mistaken. W. caused B. Threat and Ed. Blackmon c me in. We got him up to Dr. S. W. Pryor testified to counter and he still said he was gory and Frank Hough came in pass through Macon, but un and carried him to guardhouse. Saw no wounds on head of deceased while looking for wounds

D. Ed. Blackmon: Saw Catoe at Carson's store before dif ficulty, with gun. After shooting went to Catoe's store and saw Gregory and Hough arrest deceased. Gregory pulled Catoe and Hough hit nim. Don't Catoe afterwards in carrying shoot snipe if he couldn't catch him home, and saw blood on

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Dr. W. C. Twitty: Saw Ca

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Newsy Georgia Letter.

Comments on Lancaster's gia Farmers' Like Their South Carolina Brothers, Now Holding Tight to Cotton--Other Matters of Interest.

Mr. Editor: With considera ble regret, we filed away the last issue of The Review, never more to receive its welcome weekly visits. But THE NEWS is all right. Bright, clean, neat and newsy, with the same editor who made The Review so interesting and so popular, as editor, The News will meet with great public favor, no doubt.

As we, with a great many others, hoped, the dispensary election in Lancaster county resulted in an overwhelming victory for "no dispensary." And so the dispensary must go and we believe that if every one will work hard and pull together for a strict observance of the prohibition law, there will be less, considerably less liquor drank in the county than ever before notwithstanding the prevalence of "blind tigers."

The great slump in the cotton market during the last few days, came as a thunder-clap from a clear sky to a great many people, who were confidently expecting to see the market steadily advance, with little thought of any decline whate-But the farmers have shown their wisdom by holding their cotton off the market, since the price went below 10 cents, and we believe, with Harvie Jordan, that if they will hold a while longer, good prices will come later on, for there is no questioning the fact that the crop is small and the demand for cotton goods as great, possibly greater than ever. But as a Macon cotton buyer says, "You can never tell about horse races, women and the cotton market."

President Roosevelt, on his about that time policeman Gre- trip South in a few weeks, will ortunately for those who would like to get a glimp-e of him, he will pass through at night and will not stop over any length of time. The band has promised to play as much of "Rushing though Georgia" as possible during his very brief stop here.

Many people are attending the big State Fair in Atlanta now. In two weeks more, our now how many times. Saw big fair here will begin and for investigate his office thoroughly Februsia 1905. two weeks we expect to have a -in tact if he is the right kind provesame : Jno F Robert on, L lively time. Fiddler's Day, Smith Day, Circus Day and it done. D. A. Baker testified to meas every 'y will be full of interlive, up to date fair.

to at his home on 9th. Bullet Lancastrian, who is traveling cic by negross. While there had been previously extracted salesman for a large tobacco can tell which—are in the core submitted. house, is making his headquar dition of Richland, Elgefield and ters in Macon now and has Dorchester,

moved his family here. Many Carolinians are located in Ma con and throughout the whole State. But they all think Car-Dispensary Election--Geor- olina is a great State and never fail to speak a good word for their native State when an opportunity presents itself.

The rural free delivery system is meeting with great favor in Georgia and doubtless, in all parts of the country where they have this system. It enables the farmer to get the daily paper to get all his mail more promptly and saves him a great deal of time, besides. It also furnishes fairly remunerative employment for the carriers employed in carrying the mails over the routes.

FORMER LANCASTRIAN.

Grand Juries.

A Plea for a More Thorough Investigation Into the Financial Affairs of Counties.

From Newberry Observer.

"We find the books of the county treasurer neatly kept," etc., etc.

saying in Greenville and Rich-dition as can be expected. land and Edgefield and Dorchester for lo these many years. And the confinding public thought it \$4,000, Dorchester \$2,000.

What does a grand jury inenough on every grand jury to that the roads have not been ascertain positively whether a worked as agreed upon. In our county officer is short-whether opinion to see that the roads are theft or graft or carelessness-in tant duties of the county super books do not always mean a working the roads of this county clean" record. The committees are totally inefficient. We there appointed by the grand juries fore urge that the law in regard the real condition of affiairs in forced and that anyone who is rethe county offices, to examine sponsible for their present every claim and voucher and condition be held accountable for bank deposit, and to find out to a his neglect of duty. certainty whether there is any shortage-if they would on take time for it and not be afraid A Bridges, L. E. Cauthen, Anof offending their triends in office | drew Rollings and Rich Toomp-But it is no reflection on the son for using dynamic or other honesty of a public officer to hold explosive in describes the overing him on a strict account and to be Levis Reportson on or about of officer he will be glad to have F. Robertson, Dr. Phys. If II,

Grand jury reports should many more than they cow mean, and violating the dispersion law public at large of the true con- (Neburn, W. 1, Trantham, Sam Mr. W. H. Burns, a former dition of county finances. As it how, with Mand English. is now there is room in impact per effection I have some

Grand Jury's Report.

A Strong Paper--Condition of the Public Roads--Law in Regard to Road Working Must be Strictly Enforced.

The grand jury, having concluded its labors at the present term of court, made its final report Wednesday atternoon and was discharged. The report is as

To His Honor, O W. Bachanan, Presiding Judge.

We, the grand jury of Lancascaster county, beg to submit the following report:

We have examined and passed on all bills of indictment handed to us by the Solicitor.

We have examined the books and papers of the county officers and find same neatly and properly kept. Our foreman was present and saw the annual settle. ment between the Auditor and Treasurer and the Comptroller General of the State, as required by law, and said settlement was perfectly satisfactory.

We have, by a committee of So say the grand juries. So no our body, examined the Poor doubt the grand juries have been House and find it in as good con-

In a former report we have referred to the bad condition of the roads of our county and we deem all right. But investigating com- it our duty to again call the atmittees have found that in the tention of the court to their conlast six years about a hundred dition. We held an extra meetthousand dollars have been stolen ing of our body in September last in Greenville, that Richland is to consider the roads and found \$50,000 out of pocket, Edgefield that they were in a deplorable condition and not well worked. We conferred with the County vestigation amount to anyway? Supervisor and in accordance In these cases it seems they with our demand, he agreed to amount to nothing, for if we are give notice to the read overseers not mistaken not one of the to warn out hands and work the shortages named was found by various roads at least four days that body. And why not? There between that time and the presought to be men with sense ent term of court. We now find there has been extravagance or worked is one of the most imporshort whether the office is finan visor and we feel sure that the cially straight. "Neatly kept" customary methods employed in have plenty of time to ascertain to road working be strictly en-

We present R. B. Mackey, J. Witnesses, to James Robertson and Joe Bard We present M. D. Leve tur

E B. Lungle, Foreman,